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SUBJECT: SURVEY OF NIGERIA'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

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1. INVITATION DATED MARCH 9 AND PRESUMABLY MAILED TO WHATEVER ADDRESS DR. FE HAD FOR FIRMS. PROBABLY FAVORED LAGOS ADDRESSES. OUR EXPERIENCE IS THAT SUCH MAIL OFTEN TAKES THREE WEEKS TO REACH ADDRESSEE. TAMS, FOR EXAMPLE, RECEIVED THIS INVITATION AT LAGOS MAIL DROP WHEN STANLEY GLYNN OVERNIGHTED LAGOS APRIL 1. MIGHT BE BEST FOR USDOC TRANSMIT INVITATION TO ALL FIRMS LISTED TO ENSURE TIMELY RECEIPT.

2. DR. EKANEM ABROAD THIS MONTH. OUR FEELING IS THAT ALL HE REQUIRES INITIALLY IS AN ESTIMATED COST AND TIME SCHEDULE IN ORDER PRUNE APPLICANTS FOR FURTHER SCREENING. WE WOULD ENCOURAGE FIRMS TO SUBMIT SOMETHING IN ORDER FAMILIARIZE MINISTRY WITH THEIR CAPABILITIES. CRS, FOR EXAMPLE, MIGHT TRY SUBMITTING COST AND TIME RANGES RATHER THAN PRECISE FIGURES WITH EXPLANATION THAT BETTER ESTIMATES POSSIBLE WITH ADDITIONAL TIME.

3. FYI: TERMS OF REFERENCE DRAFTED BY ROBERT NATHAN ASSOCIATES, WHOSE IN-HOUSE CONSULTANCY CONTRACT WITH EKANEM'S UNIT ENDING THIS MONTH. AT LEAST ONE FIRM INVITED, BERGER, WILL NOT SUBMIT. END FYI.
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